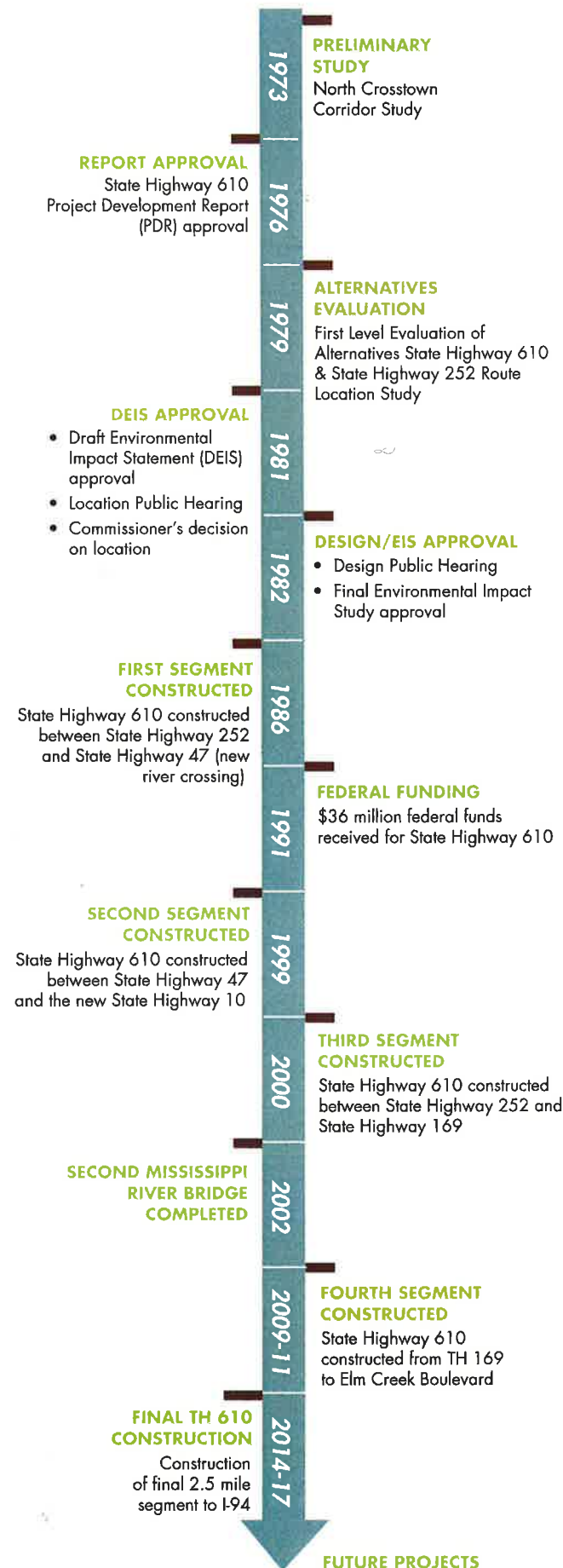


TIMELINE



A History of Highway 610

Highway 610 has been poised to become a major corridor in the northern Twin Cities Metropolitan Area since 1973. Originally proposed as a "North Crosstown" for the rapidly developing suburbs in the 1960s, route studies began in the 1970s. However, a lack of funding delayed the project until the mid-1980s when the first segments were completed.

In 1986, Highway 610 was constructed between Highway 252 and the junction of Highways 47 and 10. This roadway provided drivers with the only river crossing between Highway 169 in Anoka and I-694 in Brooklyn Center. Property values in Coon Rapids jumped after the bridge was constructed, due to better access to I-94 and downtown Minneapolis.

In 1991, the project received a \$36 million boost when North Suburban mayors traveled to Washington, D.C. to lobby for federal funding. Their trip was the culmination of more than two decades of planning and lobbying by civic leaders. This funding was used to extend Highway 610 east to Highway 10 in 1999 and to Highway 169 in 2000. Subsequently, a second Mississippi River bridge was completed in 2002. Each direction of Highway 610 now had its own four-lane bridge and roadway.

Local Initiatives

The City of Maple Grove and Hennepin County have invested significantly within the final stage project area by relocating and enhancing local infrastructure in anticipation of TH 610. The City has used their available resources to construct the new Maple Grove Parkway interchange with I-94 at a cost of over \$30 million. This interchange replaces the County Road 30 interchange which needed to be reconstructed to make way for the TH 610 Interchange with I-94. Hennepin County and the City of Maple Grove also invested heavily in the area around the TH 610/CSAH 81 roadways to prepare the local infrastructure for the TH 610 corridor.

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A Key Link . . .



Constructing Highway 610 to I-94

A vital corridor for the northwest Twin Cities Metropolitan Area

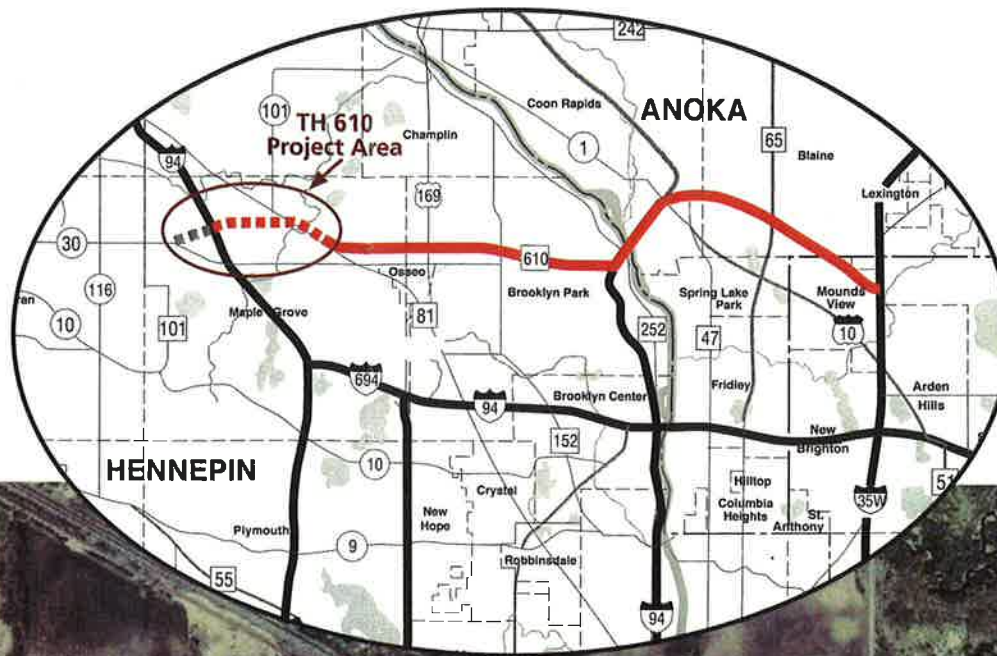
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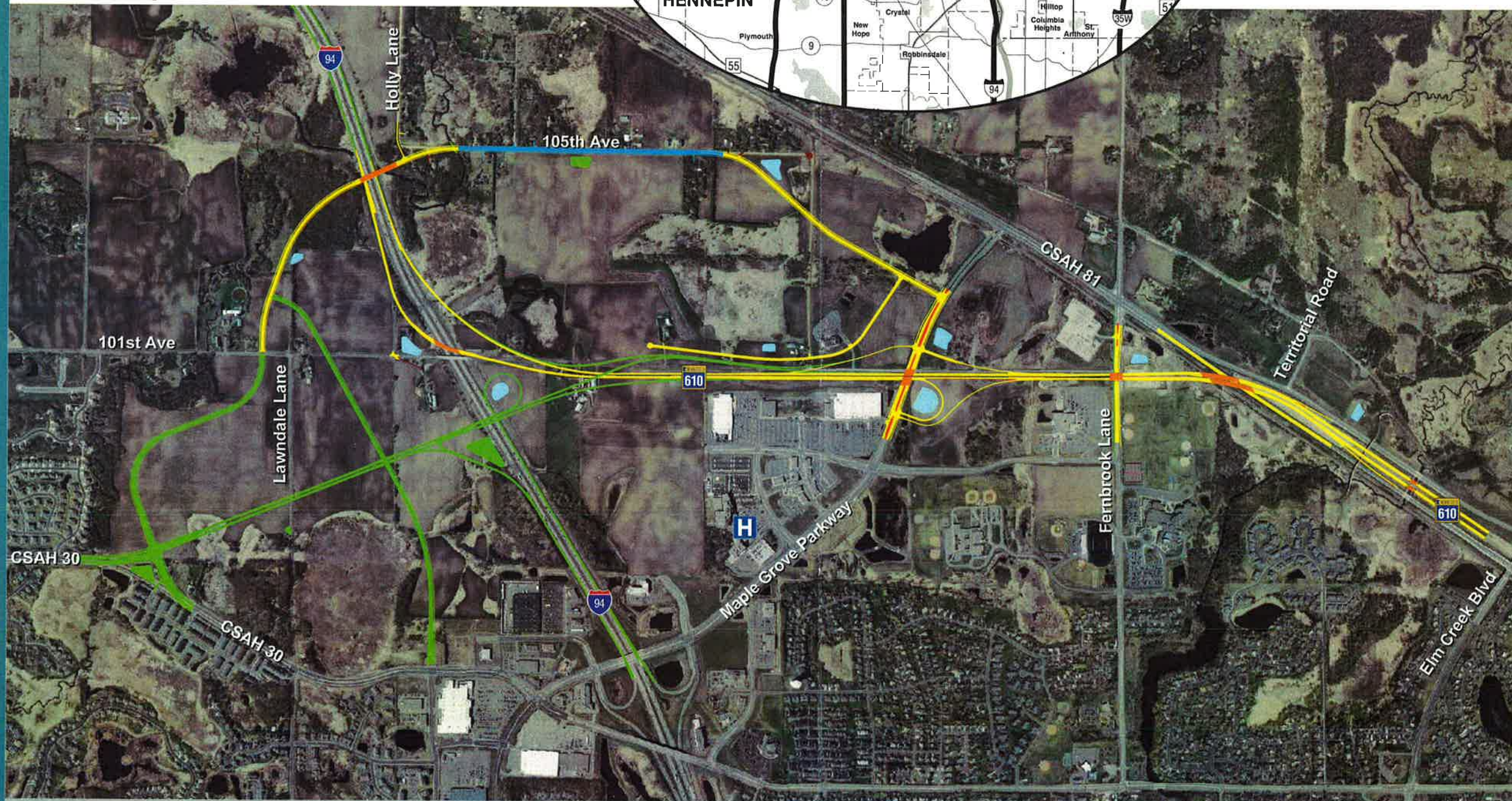
... Connecting Highway 610 to I-94 – Construction to Begin in 2014.

Highway 610 is a vital east-west link for the growing northern suburbs – the construction of the final 2.5 mile segment will connect I-94 in Maple Grove to Highway 169 in Brooklyn Park and serve as a relief valve for the heavily congested I-94. In addition, Highway 610 provides opportunities for continued commercial and industrial expansion along the corridor.



The project has received funding through the State's Corridors of Commerce Program which aims to increase highway capacity, improve the movement of freight, and reduce barriers to commerce statewide. This project has been developed through a partnership with MnDOT, Hennepin County, and the City of Maple Grove.

TH 610 Project Area



Project Elements to be Constructed

- Paving of existing roadway
- Drainage ponds
- New roadway construction
- New bridges

Future Projects

- Planned improvements - no part of current project

Anticipated Schedule

- Project letting fall of 2014
- Minor construction 2014
- Major construction 2015-2017
- Open to traffic in 2017